

**Spencer Town Council Regular Meeting
April 7, 2014 at 7p.m
Municipal Building
90 N. West Street
Spencer, IN 47460**

Board Members present: Cynthia Hyde, and Dean Bruce, Jon Stantz,
Also present: Clerk-Treasurer Cheryl Moke, Attorney Richard Lorenz, Sewer Superintendent John Hodge, Street Superintendent Larry Parrish, and Chief Marshal Richard Foutch

MEETING WAS OPENED WITH THE PLEDGE TO THE AMERICAN FLAG

IN THE MATTER OF APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR March 17, 2014 REGULAR MEETING

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the minutes as presented, seconded by Dean Bruce and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF PUBLIC ISSUES

Betty Blaker was present to ask about plans for a trail system. Cynthia Hyde commented that there were no specific plans at this time, but was pretty sure there were no recommendations that would affect property near hers.

She next addressed problems regarding illegal dumping at the county dump site where the town dumps brush. She was told since the dump was owned by the County, she would have to take up the issues with the County. She was also advised to call the Town Police to report illegal dumping when she sees it.

Next, Travis Newport requested approval for an event registration for Owen Valley Sports Complex for the annual baseball/softball opening day parade for May 3rd, to begin at approximately 8 a.m. at the Fairgrounds, to Main Street, down Morgan to the OVSC.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the request, and it passed 3-0.

Next up, was Robert White requesting approval for an event registration for the Tivoli Theater for Friday, May 2nd. The event is a Grease Street Dance, and is set for 8:30 to 10:30. The Street Dance will follow the showing of Grease, and will include the dance, classic cars, and a costume contest. They are requesting Washington Street between DeMarcus and Franklin be closed from 6:30 to 11:30.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the request, and it passed 3-0.

Matt Sward, with SIDC, discussed the opening of the bids for the construction of the Rural Health Clinic. Since all of them came in over budget, there were some items, such as landscaping that did not get approved. Centerstone is committing \$695,773 in local matching funds, and asking the Town to commit \$20,000 to bring the total local matching to \$715,773. There are grant funds of \$400,000 for this project as well.

Cynthia Hyde made a motion to approve the request for \$20,000 to come from the Edit fund. The motion was seconded and passed.

On the Park Plan, Matt Sward stated they were notified by OCRA that the plan was approved. He would be sending a draw for the funds, and he also presented 3 invoices (invoice numbers 131307—4, 5, 6) from Rundell Ernstberger Associates for architect fees for a total of \$6,000.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the three invoices, totaling \$6,000, which is the same amount as the draw. The motion was seconded and passed.

Matt Sward also presented an invoice from SIDC in the amount of \$1,670 for administrated services related to the Master Park Plan project.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the invoice, it was seconded and passed.

A written request from the residents at 180 S. Sycamore to take out two trees in the tree plot because of damage to the sidewalk was read. The request was passed along to Larry Parrish to see what, if anything, was needed to be done.

IN THE MATTER OF PLANNING AND ZONING

John Fuhs asked that the Town Council ratify a petition for replatting a lot at White Oaks, owned by the Kinsers. The petition had been approved by the Planning and Zoning Commissions. The purpose of the replatting was to allow them to deed off one part to Mr. Childs. The part deeded has restrictions so it could not be built on or used in any other manner, and can only be sold to a contiguous landowner.

Jon Stantz made a motion to accept the recommendation made by the Planning Commission. The motion was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE POLICE DEPARTMENT

Chief Marshal Foutch reported on the police department. He mentioned a parking issue that caused some problem for the fire department, but he and Larry Parrish went down and he thinks they got it resolved. He also reported on a couple of property cleanup problems.

Jon Stantz mentioned that Gosport Town Police were in need of a police car. He suggested that if we surplus a vehicle, it might be a good idea to transfer it to them at its value. Rich Foutch said he would get an estimated value for the next meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF THE STREET DEPARTMENT

Larry Parrish reported that he found a 2002 GMC C7500 bucket truck with a 60 foot range at Schmidy's Machinery Company in Clinton, Illinois. The price is \$37,0000.00 and with a trade in of the old 1991 truck, the final cost is \$33,000.00.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the purchase of the bucket truck (Vin#1GDL7H1E52Jd 7776) and trade in of the old one, for a total of \$33,000.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Next, Larry Parrish requested approval for an estimate from John Myers for removal of tree stumps in the amount of \$1,600.00.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the estimate for tree stump removal for \$1,600.00. The motion was seconded and passed.

Larry Parrish reported that the total cost for the replacement of the heat pump for the office would be \$1,000 more than he originally thought because of the insurance deductible. The replacement was approved at the previous meeting, but he wanted to make sure the Board understood the total cost. The Board agreed that the pump needed to be replaced. Total cost for the replacement is \$3,673.00, less the insurance claim of \$1,673.32, for a net cost of \$1,999.68.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the replacement of the heat pump, it was seconded and passed.

IN THE MATTER OF THE SEWER DEPARTMENT

John Hodge reported on the plant operations and maintenance. He said with heavy rains, the infiltration problems have been worse. The Board asked John if he knew where the infiltration problems were. He stated that there were many of them, all over town. Richard Lorenz mentioned that there would be some fixes when the State Route 46 project occurs, but it won't take care of all the issues.

Jon Stantz reported on the impending 46 Project, and what the Town can expect. Construction will begin April/May 2016, and will continue for two years. During the entire construction period, Morgan Street will be one way going west, and Franklin Street will be one way going east.

John Hodge asked for approval of a quote from Community Natural Gas to run a gas line in the amount of \$1,044.00.

Jon Stantz made a motion to approve the quote to run the gas line, and it was seconded and approved.

IN THE MATTER OF THE ATTORNEY

Richard Lorenz reported on various issues and projects, relating to the 43 Corridor, but there is nothing currently firm.

He also stated that an Executive Session has been set for April 21st, 6 p.m., prior to the next regular Town Council meeting.

IN THE MATTER OF OLD BUSINESS

Jon Stantz is proposing that there be a Town Trash Day on June 7th, from 8am to 4pm. He said he will contact Bill Purcell about placing dumpsters down at the fairgrounds. There will be no collection of paints, electronics, or tires. Richard Foutch suggested that someone get in touch with Greenkeep and invite them to participate with us. This will be free of charge to Town residents only, and an ID will be required. Jon will put together a flyer explaining how this will work. The Clerk-Treasurer suggested these be distributed through our newspapers as an insert.

IN THE MATTER OF NEW BUSINESS

Cynthia Hyde said she met with Angie Richards, and received lien paperwork on the flood properties that essentially states that the properties can never be sold.

IN THE MATTER OF CLAIMS

Claims were presented for approval.

Dean Bruce made a motion to approve the claims as presented. It was seconded and passed 3-0.

IN THE MATTER OF ADJOURNMENT

Dean Bruce motioned to adjourn at 9:01 p.m.

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Cynthia Hyde, President	Jon Stantz, Vice-President	Dean Bruce, Board Member

Attest:_____

Cheryl Moke, Clerk-Treasurer